



2.3.1 Practice: An Ongoing Debate Practice U.S. Government and Politics (2018)

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For this assignment, you will examine four major Supreme Court cases that have affected the balance of power between the federal government and the states:

- *Gibbons v. Ogden* (1824)
- *Hammer v. Dagenhart* (1918)
- *Brown v. Board of Education* (1954)
- *New York v. United States* (1992)

To get the best grade possible, follow the instructions in the assignment closely and answer all questions completely. This assignment is worth 10 points.

The first step in completing your assignment is conducting web research on the four Supreme Court cases: *Gibbons v. Ogden*, *Hammer v. Dagenhart*, *Brown v. Board of Education*, and *New York v. United States*. Use details from your web research to fill in the table with a description of the major issue, the decision, and the type of government favored in each case. This section is worth 6 points.

Supreme Court case	Major issue	Decision	Type of government favored in decision
<i>Gibbons v. Ogden</i> (1824)	May a state adopt legislation regarding interstate commerce that conflicts with the Commerce Clause.	Ruled for gibbons	Federal Government
<i>Hammer v. Dagenhart</i> (1918)	Did Congress act properly within its powers under the Commerce Clause when it enacted the Act?	The court decided for Dagenhart	Federal
<i>Brown v. Board of Education</i> (1954)	Whether segregated public schools are not "equal" and cannot be made "equal," thereby making the doctrine of "separate but equal" in public schools a violation of the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment.	The court decided for brown	State

*New York
v. United
States*
(1992)

Does Congress have the authority
to force a state to adopt a federal
regulatory program?

The court decided for New York

Federal

Use the knowledge you gained during your web research to answer these questions.

1. Explain the reasoning in the Supreme Court cases that favored the federal government and the reasoning in the cases that favored state governments. (2 points)

The Supreme Court would favor the federal government more when the case could happen in any state like the Brown v. Board of Education.

2. In your opinion, which case had the most significant effect on the balance of power between federal and state governments? Why was this case more significant than the others you researched? (2 points)

In my opinion the case that had the most significant effect on the balance of power between federal and state governments is the case that involved New York vs the U.S. I think this because the federal government was trying to make the state government adopt a federal regulatory program. The constitution gave power to the federal gov. and the rest of the power to the states to limit the power the federal gov. had to balance everything out. This is more significant than the other cases I researched because the federal gov. has no authority other the state gov. the force them to adopt the program.